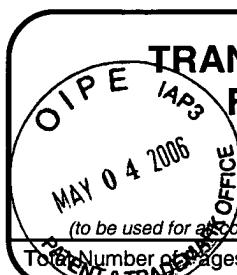


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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed February 27, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

	Independent Claims	Total Claims
Claims Previously Paid For	5	34
Current Claims after Amendment	3	30
Excess Claims	0	0